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PRODUCING NICKEL-BASE, COBALT-BASE, IRON-BASE, IRON-NICKEL-BASE, For:

OR IRON-NICKEL-COBALT-BASE ALLOY ARTICLES BY REDUCTION OF

NONMETALLIC PRECURSOR COMPOUNDS AND MELTING

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Sir:

This Paper is filed in response to an Office Action mailed April 9, 2008 in the abovecaptioned application (the "Application"). Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 7. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.